

# THE PUMP & POUND

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Welcome to 2018! Best wishes from the Parish Council for a very happy new year. Fortunately, despite the recent rain and very high winds this month we haven't heard of any damage to properties in Chedington or South Perrott.

With the forthcoming Local Government reorganisation, the Parish Council will have to be taking on more of the work previously done by the District Council. Our aim, as always, will be to protect and enhance the services which are essential for the well-being of all residents of our beautiful environment.

We shall all need to work hard to achieve the best possible outcome for our villages in the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or issues with which we can assist. Our contact details are inside.

*Kate Organ, Chairman*

## Mosterton Pre-School

After over 20 years of fund raising a new pre-school building, adjacent to Parrett & Axe CEVA Primary School, was opened by Rebecca Knox our County Councillor, who is also Leader of DCC. Rebecca is pictured cutting the ribbon, for the start of the Spring Term. Currently there are 38 children on the roll, including those from South Perrott, and the Manager, Sarah Woods, said that she is getting more enquiries every week. Some eligible working parents are already taking advantage of the free 30 hours childcare that the new premises are able to offer. For registration and further details, phone 07939 465915.



## Big Breakfasts

Sixty-seven breakfasts were served at the Big Breakfast held on 14<sup>th</sup> January in South Perrott Village Hall to raise funds for sensory equipment for Mosterton Pre-School. A total of £322.70 was raised and everyone enjoyed themselves at what was described by our friends from Mosterton as "a great community event!"

The next Big Breakfast will take place in South Perrott Village Hall from 9am – 11am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

## News from the Pubs

Both of our pubs are putting on special carveries for Mother's Day on March 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Winyard's Gap Inn is providing a Valentine's Evening menu on February 14<sup>th</sup>. See the diary on the back page for reservations and details for other events.

## Chedington Quiz Night

There will be a quiz in Chedington Village Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm to raise funds towards the running costs of the hall. It includes a supper of Beef Chilli or Vegetarian Option followed by a choice of puddings. Entry is £10 per person for teams of 4. Please bring your own drinks. Contact Mike Johnson on 891347 or 07813 210266 for further details or to book a table.

## Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

For the December meeting, Mike Burks from The Gardens Group gave the second instalment of his talk about garden folklore. A useful tip is that elder is a natural insect repellent and, as such, is a helpful plant to have in the garden. It can be pruned but permission must be asked of the tree before proceeding - if the tree does not answer it is safe to continue with the work! Also, fragrant culinary plants tend to be insect deterrents so plant a few around the garden.

In January, Neil Lovesey from Picket Lane Nursery explained why plants die or, rather, what plants need to survive. Get the balance of carbon dioxide, water, nutrients and sunshine right and you are in with a chance of keeping your plants alive and healthy. In winter, beware of cold and wet. Cold on its own is not normally a problem; nor is wet. But together they can be deadly!

Neil and his family have created gardens at the nursery and all residents are welcome to wander around and enjoy them. The nursery is open from 10am to 5pm Wednesdays to Saturdays (times may vary during the winter months). Come and visit the gardens for free to see the flowers and plants in this beautiful setting. You don't even have to buy anything from the nursery!

The next meetings are: - February 7<sup>th</sup> with a talk by Gardens Group Gold Club on "Garden Giants" and March 7<sup>th</sup> with Sally Nex telling us what goes on behind the scenes at Chelsea. Please note that these are the first Wednesdays of the month rather than the second (meetings will revert to the second Wednesdays from April).

## Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste on any land. It is becoming a big problem in throughout Dorset and should be reported to the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) either directly or via Dorset online ([www.dorsetforyou.com/flytipping](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/flytipping)). Note that if the fly-tipping is on a public highway or public land, DWP will investigate and arrange for the waste to be removed. However, they cannot remove waste from privately owned land as this is the landowner's responsibility. As reported in the Parish Council synopsis below, there have been instances of fly tipping in Chedington. There are some simple rules to follow when reporting fly-tipping:

- Do not remove any evidence found, for example, addressed letters
- Be as specific as possible when describing where the incident occurred
- If you see the incident occurring, do not approach the persons involved
- If you see a person/vehicle involved in an environmental crime take as many details as you can, for example, description of the person or vehicle registration

## Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018. A full set of the agreed minutes from this meeting will be available on the Parish website ([www.parrettandaxe.org.uk](http://www.parrettandaxe.org.uk)) or from the Clerk when accepted at the next meeting. In addition to the parish councillors also in attendance were District Cllrs Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, River/Flood Warden, Martyn Gillingham and P & P Editor, Dave McSkelly.

### ❖ Reports from Councillors

- **District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff** reported on the Local Government reorganisation. The consultation period has ended and all Districts, with the exception of Christchurch, support the proposal for two unitary authorities. Councils are now waiting for the Secretary of State to decide whether to push through these proposals. It is hoped that his decision would be made in the next few weeks to enable work to progress towards elections in May 2019.
- **District Cllr Tony Alford** reported on Dorset Waste Partnership. Coffee cups and food and drink cartons such as Tetra Pak<sup>®</sup> cannot be recycled at the kerbside. However, there are 20 specialist recycling banks located in car parks across the county with more in the pipeline. These recycling banks accept both types of packaging. Currently, the nearest site in Dorset with a carton and cup recycling bank is Morrison's Car Park in Bridport, but one is planned for Beaminster (Yarn Barton) sometime in the future.

West Dorset is achieving just over 60% recycling of its waste and Dorset Waste Partnership is one of the top UK authorities for the carbon content of its recycled material.

### ❖ Highways Issues:

- **A356** – Flooding outside Sarum. The blocked drain which caused the problem has now been permanently repaired. (*Subsequent to the meeting the owner of Sarum reported that this still needs further investigation.*)
- **Kerb Stones on Footway on A356** – Kerbstones have fractured outside the Coach House and are loose and dangerous. These kerbstones form part of the pilot road/footway scheme. Mike Westwood, Community Highways Manager, has agreed to attend the next PC meeting on 8 March 2018 to discuss the scheme. He will make a site visit prior to the meeting.
- **Picket Lane** – it was reported that the sides of the tarmac in Picket Lane, between the Engineers Road and the Nursery, are crumbling away and need to be repaired. The same is happening to the road surface in Chedington between Penny's Hill Cottage and the main road.
- **Vegetation obscuring 30mph signs** – Highways have taken no action on this despite persistent chasing by the Parish Council. Tim Bartlett was contracted by the Parish Council and has now cut back the overgrown hedges.
- **Chedington "please drive slowly" signs.** Two "slow" signs have been painted on the tarmac on the approaches to Chedington, but the one at Sandy Knapp end cannot be seen. One is also needed outside Winyard's Gap.
- **Shire Cottage, South Perrott** - Following a site visit by Simon Roberts, Highways, on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017, work orders were raised for improvements to the white lines and signage at this junction. To date this work has not been carried out.

**The Clerk is taking action on the above Highways issues.**

- ❖ **Chedington Public Telephone Kiosk** - The parish council has received a contract from BT for the adoption of the Chedington telephone kiosk for the sum of £1. A year ago, Liz Fray canvassed most of the residents in Chedington on adopting this kiosk and they were overwhelmingly in favour. Mike Johnson advised that the Chedington Village Hall committee may be willing to take over responsibility for the kiosk from the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase the

telephone kiosk from BT for the price of £1, but subject to clarification from Chedington Village Hall Committee that they will take it over and maintain it.

- ❖ **Grit Bin** - Following a discussion at the previous meeting regarding the request for a grit bin at the Winyard's Gap junction, it was agreed that if Highways were not willing to provide a "strategic" bin at this location then the parish council should purchase a "community" bin from its Miscellaneous Environmental Works budget. Permission would need to be obtained from the owners of Winyard's Gap Inn to install the grit bin on the corner of their beer garden.
- ❖ **Precept and Budgets** – Members had previously approved the Budget for 2018-2019. Following the District Council's announcement of the Council Tax Base, members approved the Precept for 2018-2019 of £4,635, which represents a 3% increase on the current year.
- ❖ **Fly-tipping** - Cllr Birtwhistle reported that garden rubbish was repeatedly being dumped by the side gate to his property, Highfield House. Cllr Cooper reported that it was also being dumped at a gateway in Chedington Lane. It was noted that fly-tipping is a problem in many lanes and gateways in both Chedington and South Perrott.
- ❖ **Mobile phone reception in South Perrott** - The Clerk reported that Sir Oliver Letwin MP had forwarded a copy of a letter from the Home Office. Although the timetable for EE's upgrade of the existing mobile telephone masts had slipped by a few months, South Perrott should still benefit from good outdoor 4G coverage by the end of March 2018. Sir Oliver has asked the parish council to inform him if this does not happen.
- ❖ **Mosterton Pre-School** – *See separate item.*
- ❖ **River/Flood Warden** - Martyn Gillingham reported that Highways will need to jet wash one of the gullies on A356 where it floods in heavy rain.  
The chairman thanked Martyn for his work in keeping the drains and gullies clear of debris.
- ❖ **Planning Matters** –
  - **New Applications considered:** - As shown below under "Decisions Notified by WDDC".
  - **Decisions notified by WDDC:** - WD/D/17/002514 & 002515 Bridge Farmhouse South Perrott. Change of use and conversion of former granary to dwelling (amended description). Approved. WD/D/17/002488 Highfield House, Chedington. Erect garden room with natural slate to roof and rendered walls. Approved. (*Subsequent to the meeting*).

Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com)

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### Parish Council Meetings for 2018:

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	–	South Perrott
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May (incl. AGM)	–	Chedington
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	–	South Perrott
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	–	Chedington
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	–	South Perrott

## What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

February 2018		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club with Gardens Group	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	SP Club Italian Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Valentines Evening Dinner	Winyard's Gap Inn	Toby/ Michelle - 891244
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Family Bingo (eyes down 18:30)	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	18:00	Curry night (OAP's £10)	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270

March 2018		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	12:30	SP Club Carvery	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
		19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club with Sally Nex	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn 891931
		12:00	Mother's Day Carvery	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
		12:00	Mother's Day Carvery	Winyard's Gap Inn	Toby/ Michelle - 891244
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Coffee Morning	2, Manor Close, SP	Pat - 891546
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	Lent Lunch	The Granary	Ann - 891224
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Jumble Sale	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
		19:00	Quiz	Chedington Village Hall	Mike - 891347
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Curry night (OAP 's £10)	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270

### Regular Events – Winter/Spring 2018

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	19:30	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Tuesday	10:00	Mosterton and District Over 50s Computer Club	The Admiral Hood, Mosterton	Ella - 01308 868834 Barbara - 01308 867891 Martyn - 891931
			SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
			SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	18:00	Steel Drums Session	SP Village Hall	Mike - 07762 260582

To keep up to date with village events view:

Facebook Pages ("like" and "share"):	
South Perrott	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott">www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott</a>
Chedington	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/ChedingtonVillage">www.facebook.com/ChedingtonVillage</a>
Parish website	<a href="http://www.parrettandaxe.org.uk">www.parrettandaxe.org.uk</a>

### Local Contacts:

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#### South Perrott Village Hall:

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